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LOK SABHA

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SPORTS ACADEMY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is lagging behind in the field of sports inspite of incurring huge expenditure on sports every year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the amount spent on sports during each of the last three years;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to open a sports academy in each State with a view to promote sports in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a)&(b): The performance of Indian sportspersons since the Commonwealth Games, 2002 has been quite creditable. India won a record haul of 69 medals (as against 25 in the last Games) in the 2002 Commonwealth Games and secured the fourth position in the medals tally. Similarly, India secured 36 medals in the Busan Asian Games, 2002. Indian sportspersons have performed creditably in a number of international competitions including the 1st Afro-Asian Games in Hyderabad in 2003 and the last SAF Games at Islamabad in 2004.

The Ministry`s expenditure on sports during each of the last three years is as under:

2001-2002	Rs.200.34 crore
2002-2003	Rs.183.74 crore
2003-2004	Rs.285.67 crore

(c) Government of India, in addition to providing sports infrastructure, has taken the following steps to improve the performance of sportspersons:-

- Finalization of Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) for various sports disciplines in consultation with the concerned National Sports Federations, former international sportspersons, sports scientists and experts.
- Provision of equipment and scientific support to sportspersons.
- Intensive coaching of the players by Indian and foreign coaches in coaching camps.
- Financial assistance to concerned federations for participation of sportspersons in international tournaments.
- Intensive training abroad to the teams.
- Assistance for purchase of equipment, scientific support and training and participation within the country and abroad under the `Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training` and the `National Sports Development Fund`.

(d)&(e):Yes, Sir. The Government has approved a new Scheme of State Sports Academy for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. The main objective of the Scheme is to select the best available talent in sports between the age group of 10-13

years, as well as, the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years and to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level.

The scheme will be funded jointly by the Central Government, State Government/UT Administration and a Sponsor and would be a sort of co-operative venture. The financial assistance to the Academy in respect of capital, recurring and non-recurring costs will be shared between the Sponsor, the Central Government and the State Government in the ratio of 51:25:24.